



## Merry Christmas from Holly December 2020



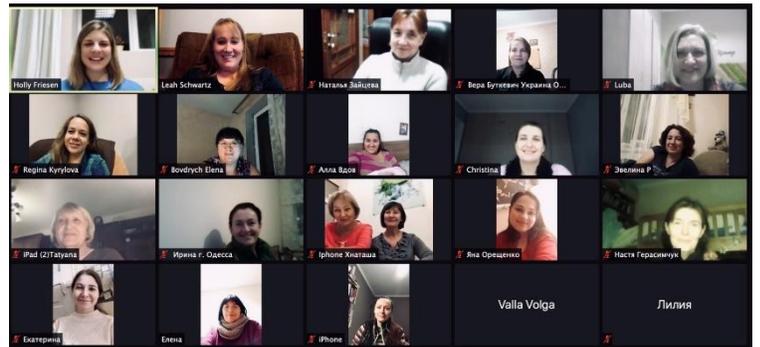
Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

This year our celebrations may look a bit different, but that does not change the fact that we are celebrating the day our Savior was born! Perhaps having to adjust our plans a bit will help us to focus more on the reason that we celebrate. May you personally experience the peace, joy, and hope that comes from knowing that Christ the Lord is your Savior!



We were unable to have our annual volunteer appreciation picnic this summer and the Christmas party that we normally have at the end of the year for the Choose Life volunteers due restrictions on gatherings and concerns about spreading illness among our volunteers. So, we put together gift packets for each one to let them know how much we appreciate them. We were able to include a book "Keep a Quiet Heart" by Elizabeth Elliot as well as some other goodies to help them celebrate Christmas. It was fun to put the packets together and to be able to show our appreciation in this way even though we will certainly miss gathering them all together. We have nearly 50 volunteers who serve in various capacities. We were recently able to have a zoom meeting that many attended, but it is just not the same as being together! We have a wonderful group of volunteers and this ministry would not be possible without them!

The numbers of new COVID cases here in Ukraine continue to be high and many of my friends and partners in ministry have had it. It finally caught up with me as well, but I am grateful that I had a very mild case. Some of you who follow my facebook ministry page prayed for my pastor Kostya and his wife Julia when he had a more severe case. Praise the Lord he and his wife are now doing well. This week Julia delivered a healthy baby boy, their second son! Praise the Lord for this precious blessing! Many of our Choose Life volunteers have also had COVID and recovered. We have a couple of volunteers who are continuing to have complications. Would you pray with me for Angela and Tanya's complete recovery? The government has extended our adapted quarantine through the end of February with new measures in place. Under these measures we can still conduct our ministries, but they have also announced that we will have a stricter quarantine for 2 weeks in January after the holidays that will limit what we are able to do. Pray that we will have wisdom and creativity as we continue to serve our Women's Center clients as well as our patients in the villages during this time.



Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of the ministry here in Ukraine. May you have a joyous Christmas season and experience God's blessing and guidance in the New Year!

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